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SENATE BILL

No. 552

Introduced by Senator Padilla

(Coauthor: Assembly Member Garrick)

February 27, 2009

An act to add ~~Section~~ *Sections 33544 and 51882* to the Education Code, relating to schools.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 552, as amended, Padilla. Schools: health education.

The Comprehensive Health Education Act of 1977 requires the State Department of Education to prepare and distribute to school districts guidelines for the preparation of comprehensive health education plans, and, in cooperation with county offices of education that desire to participate, to assist school districts in developing comprehensive health education plans and programs.

This bill would require school districts that offer health classes to grade 9 or 10 pupils to provide at least 15 minutes of instruction on organ procurement and tissue donation that would be designed to develop a knowledge of the potentially life-saving achievement involved in organ and tissue transplantation.

The bill would require the State Board of Education and the Curriculum Development and Supplemental Materials Commission to ensure that the health framework, evaluation criteria, and instructional materials adopted for pupils in grades 9 and 10 in the course of the

next submission cycle following the date that this section becomes effective include organ procurement and tissue donation.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares as follows:

2 (a) There are more than 100,000 people on the national organ
3 transplant waiting list, and more than 21,000, or 21 percent, of
4 those people live in California.

5 (b) Currently only 25 percent of applicants for California
6 driver's licenses register as organ or tissue donors.

7 (c) Californians who apply for a California-~~drivers~~ *driver's*
8 license are asked whether or not they would like to donate their
9 organs and tissue. It is important that, if we are asking that
10 question, we are allowing the individual to make an informed
11 decision.

12 (d) There is an urgent need to educate the public about organ
13 and tissue donation.

14 *SEC. 2. Section 33544 is added to the Education Code, to read:*
15 *33544. The state board and the Curriculum Development and*
16 *Supplemental Materials Commission shall ensure that the health*
17 *framework, evaluation criteria, and instructional materials adopted*
18 *for pupils in grades 9 and 10 in the course of the next submission*
19 *cycle following the date that this section becomes effective include*
20 *organ procurement and tissue donation.*

21 ~~SEC. 2.~~

22 *SEC. 3. Section 51882 is added to the Education Code, to read:*

23 51882. Commencing with the 2010–11 school year, a school
24 district that elects to offer health classes to grade 9 or 10 pupils
25 shall-~~offer~~ *provide* at least 15 minutes of instruction on organ
26 procurement and tissue donation designed to develop a knowledge
27 of the potentially life-saving achievement involved in organ and
28 tissue transplantation. Nonprofit-~~organ-procurement~~ *organ*
29 *procurement* organizations, including among others, Donate Life
30 California, shall ~~may~~ provide school districts with the information

1 that will be provided through the instruction required pursuant to
2 this section.

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